
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 143 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY WOZNIAK, KITCHEN, BOSCOLA, WAGNER, CONTI, COSTA,
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BRIGHTBILL, EARLL, STOUT, LOGAN AND D. WHITE,
SEPTEMBER 16, 2003

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A RESOLUTION

1 Extending condolences on the death of Cambria County native
2 Charles Bronson, star of European and Hollywood films, at 81
3 years of age.

4 WHEREAS, Charles Bronson was born Charles Buchinsky on
5 November 3, 1921, in Ehrenfeld, Cambria County, the 11th of 15
6 children of Lithuanian immigrants; and

7 WHEREAS, A son of a coal miner, Charles Bronson attended the
8 former Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Roman Catholic Church in Ehrenfeld
9 and worked in the mines before being drafted in 1943; and

10 WHEREAS, Charles Bronson served with the Air Force in the
11 Pacific and was a tail gunner over Europe during World War II
12 before joining the Philadelphia Play and Players Troupe and
13 apprenticing at the Pasadena Playhouse in California; and

14 WHEREAS, Charles Bronson won supporting roles under contract
15 with several Hollywood studios as Charles Buchinsky or Buchinski
16 before changing his last name in 1954; and

1 WHEREAS, After gaining a large international following for
2 his leading roles in European films, Charles Bronson found
3 stardom and established his tough-guy image in Hollywood in the
4 late 1960s and 1970s; and

5 WHEREAS, Charles Bronson was a 1971 Golden Globe honoree,
6 recognized as the most popular actor in the world; therefore be
7 it

8 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
9 extend condolences on the death of screen icon Charles Bronson
10 at 81 years of age; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
12 his wife, Kim, six children and two grandchildren.